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Department of Justice
United States of America

Hello,

Please stop your actions against Microsoft.

Today in America, even the dead can sue. The fact that AOL can sue Microsoft on behalf of Netscape long after AOL bought Netscape, promotes open season suing in the courts by anybody, against anybody for any reason.

A prudent court, and governing body, should end this legal licentiousness instead of promoting it.

As for some moral stand presumed necessary against Microsoft's dominance of operating systems, the concept of "restoring competition in the marketplace," is dead wrong in principle, and an excuse for also rans to avenge themselves against winners.

A prudent court should not promote the use of government force, fines, threats of imprisonment, or enforced dismemberment of companies based on an arguable and contradictory set of rules. This is America, Land of the Free, Home of the Brave.

To pursue a remedy against Microsoft promotes the ascension of naked, brute power over argument, force over reason, barbarity over rule of law. Unclear, arguable law is by nature an oxymoron. Law is principle. Principles are simply stated and immediately grasped by reasonable men. Sherman Antitrust does not qualify.

Microsoft, headed by Bill Gates, helped to spark the boom of the last quarter century in this country. What thanks we give to his achievements by destroying the very tool that created wealth for our and future generations.

Put a stop to this US sanctioned encouragement of legalized destruction, please.

Sincerely,

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